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Ladies and Gentlemen,

According to everything that I have read on this subject for the past few years and the terms of the settlement reached between the Justice Department and Microsoft it is my beleive that the case should be settled now.

The rest of the states that do not want to settle should stop playing games with tax payers money. Supposing that Microsoft really over charged me for a product, (which considering how good these products are, I seriously doubt that they did) a couple of dollars of refund is not going to make a difference in my life or anyone elses for that matter. The expense in tax payers money in a long drawn out case will probably offset any benefit.

"The people" are really the ones being hurt by this case. I believe that this case has precipitated a series of down turns in the high tech sector fueled by fear of how badly is the goverment going to hurt Microsoft. This has had a cascading effect in a other sectors of the market. Many 401k, and retirement funds, that had Microsoft in their investment portfolios have being seriously hurt by this case.

Now, many people who were going to retire at 65 years of age can't, or they will have to do it on much less money.

Sincerely, I like many other people never thought that this case was really about protecting the people but about protecting a few companies who could not or would not compete.

Thank you,

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